

MOUNT HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

ZIGZAG RANGER DISTRICT

Interpretation & Conservation Education Program

August 2011

Timberline Lodge Tours

Join a U.S. Forest Service Ranger for a 30 minute tour of historic Timberline Lodge. Explore the rich history of the Lodge and all it has to offer. Tours are free and open to everyone. Meet at the U.S. Forest Service Desk inside Timberline Lodge. Daily at 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00.

Timberline Alpine Talk

Explore the meaning of “Timberline” in this short 10-15 minute talk and some of the difficulties faced by plants, animals, and humans in this harsh environment. Meet at the U.S. Forest Service Desk inside Timberline Lodge.

When: Friday – Sunday at 12:00 p.m.

Timberline Mountaineer Trail Guided Hike

Accompany a U.S. Forest Service Ranger on a 2 mile round trip hike on the Timberline Mountaineer Trail to Silcox Hut, the upper terminus of the original Magic Mile Chairlift (1000' elevation gain). Explore the rich outdoor history of Timberline along with the natural history of the Mount Hood Area. Meet at the USFS Desk inside the Timberline Lodge.

When: Friday – Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Timberline “Star Party”

On Saturday evening, August 6th, 2011 beginning at 8:00 p.m. the U.S. Forest Service & R.L.K. and Company will host a free “Star Party” outside Historic Timberline Lodge. Professors of astronomy Doug McCarty and Dr. Todd Duncan, along with a number of amateur astronomers, will provide telescopes and answer questions during this unique “tour” of the night sky from an elevation of 6,000 feet on the Southern slope of Mount Hood. Meet in the Barlow Room inside Timberline Lodge.

When: Saturday August 6th, 2011 at 8:00 p.m.

All programs free and open to the public!

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Barlow Road History Hike (SkiBowl)

Join a U.S. Forest Service Ranger on a 1.5 – 2 hour exploration of how the historic pioneer trail shaped the cultural landscape of the Mount Hood National Forest. The walk will touch on both cultural and natural history. From SkiBowl East Parking Area, visitors will travel east along the route of the old Barlow Toll Road. Meet in the SkiBowl East Parking Area.

When: Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Government Camp History Hike

Accompany a U.S. Forest Service Ranger on a tour of Government Camp and the surrounding area. Explore the rich history of Government Camp from the first settlers to the ski & snowboard industry boom. Meet at the Mount Hood Cultural Center and Museum in Government Camp.

88900 Government Camp Loop, Government Camp, OR, 97028

When: Saturdays at 12:00 p.m.

Salmon River Guided Hike

Join a U.S. Forest Service Ranger on a 2 hour exploration of this beautiful trail! Learn about the interactions of ecosystems in an old growth forest, wilderness areas and natural history as well. Meet at the 1st bridge on Salmon River Road (FS road 2618)

When: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. and Fridays at 2:00 p.m.

Bird Walk at Trillium Lake

Go birding with a U.S. Forest Service Ranger & learn about the birds & other wildlife at Trillium. Join us for this free 2 mile guided hike around the lake. Meet at the dam on the southern end of the lake (\$5 day use fee - NW Forest Pass not accepted). Park near the dam.

When: Saturdays at 9:00 a.m.

Trillium Lake Campground Campfire Talk

Join a U.S. Forest Service Ranger for an evening interactive campfire program in beautiful Trillium Lake campground. This 30 minute program will provide visitors with added insights into the Forest, its resources, and its rich history.

Where: Trillium Lake Campground Amphitheater

When: Fridays & Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

Passport to the Forest

What: Ever wonder how to identify tracks you find on the trail? Why Beavers were nearly hunted to extinction? How Mount Hood was formed?

Discover the answers to those questions and more at the U.S. Forest Service “Passport to the Forest”. The Passport is a mobile learning center with fun activities for both children and adults. Join us for Environmental Education, games, prizes, and fun filled activities for the whole family.

Where: SkiBowl West

When: Sundays: 12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

“Bookable” Educational Programs

Book your Wildwood Recreation Area or Mount Hood

National Forest adventure today – Call 503-622-2033 for booking and more information.

Groups can also book a private Timberline Lodge Adventure. Call 503-272-3251 or visit www.timberlinelodge.com for reservations and more information.

Additional programming may be available!

Inquire at the Zigzag Ranger District front desk or check the Mount Hood Interpretation Blog!